

RYUKYU

Explore the mystical islands

SHAMANISM
CULTURAL FORMER KINGDOM
WORLD NATURAL HERITAGE
IKIGAI COMMUNITY

OKINAWA.JAPAN

Why? RYUKYU

Ancient royal traditions, rare natural wonders, deep-rooted community bonds, and sacred connections to the divine —
These islands hold an origin spirit, a power of the land, that cultivates the soul of every traveler who arrives.



SPIRITUALITY

the KINGDOM ERA

NATURE

COMMUNITY

In Okinawa, the presence of shamans still weaves through daily life.

Reverence for nature and ancestral spirits—embodied by these spiritual figures—can be seen in the island’s prayer rituals, village architecture, and traditional performing arts. On this journey, you will be invited to experience the soulful heart of Ryukyuan culture.

These islands were once home to the Ryukyu Kingdom, which thrived for over 450 years. Its royal legacy fostered a rich court culture, and through tribute missions to China and Japan, gave rise to exquisite traditional crafts.

Today, these artisanal traditions continue to be passed down, earning acclaim both across Japan and on the world stage.

In 2021, Amami Oshima, Tokunoshima, the northern part of Okinawa Island, and Iriomote Island were designated as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. This recognition celebrates the region’s extraordinary biodiversity, where rare subtropical laurel forests—found in few places on Earth—provide sanctuary to an astonishing array of unique and endemic species.

Over centuries, the people of these islands have nurtured deep bonds by sharing the rhythms of nature, daily life, and spiritual traditions.

Here, you will witness communities where a strong sense of purpose and belonging allows people to live meaningful, fulfilling lives well into old age.



Where? RYUKYU



The Ryukyu Islands stretch across the sea from the southern islands of Kagoshima Prefecture to the coast of Taiwan, forming a chain of over 100 islands spanning approximately 1,200 kilometers.

Today, the islands up to Yoron belong to Kagoshima Prefecture, while those from Okinawa Island to Yonaguni fall under Okinawa Prefecture.

This division traces back to the year 1609, when the northern islands—including Yoron, once part of the Ryukyu Kingdom—were annexed by the Satsuma Domain.

With Japan's abolition of feudal domains in 1871, these islands became part of Kagoshima Prefecture.

Later, in 1879, the Ryukyu Kingdom was formally dissolved in the event known as the 'Ryukyu Disposition,' and Okinawa Prefecture was established." "The Amami Islands, before the unification of the Ryukyu Kingdom in 1429, had already entered tributary relations with the Chūzan King Eiso in 1266.

Some historians trace Ryukyu rule over the Amami Islands from that time, while others mark it from 1466, when King Shō Toku of the Ryukyu Kingdom invaded Kikai Island.

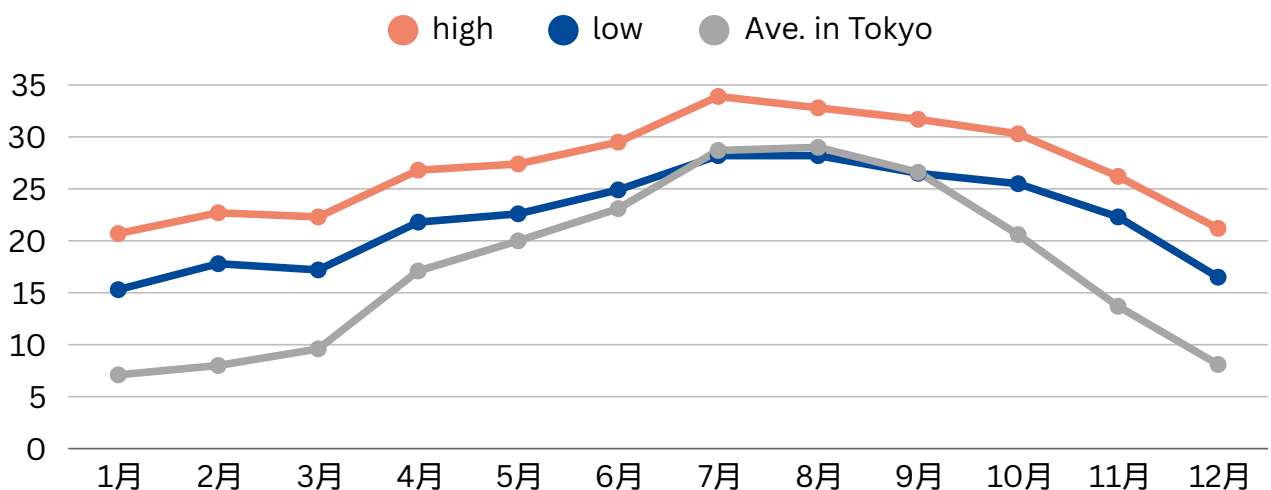
In either case, the Amami Islands remained part of the Ryukyu Kingdom's domain for 143 to 343 years, until coming under direct control of the Satsuma Domain in 1609.



subtropical paradise

The Ryukyu Islands are predominantly characterized by a subtropical oceanic climate, distinctly different from the humid temperate climate found in most other parts of Japan.

This unique climate shapes not only the islands' lush natural environment, but also their way of life and cultural rhythms.



For Spiritual Abundance

We craft original journeys for guests who wish to embrace and savor the authentic spirit of the region, experiencing it through their own sensibilities.

— Our Three Promises —

With a global perspective, we reveal experiences truly worth seeing.

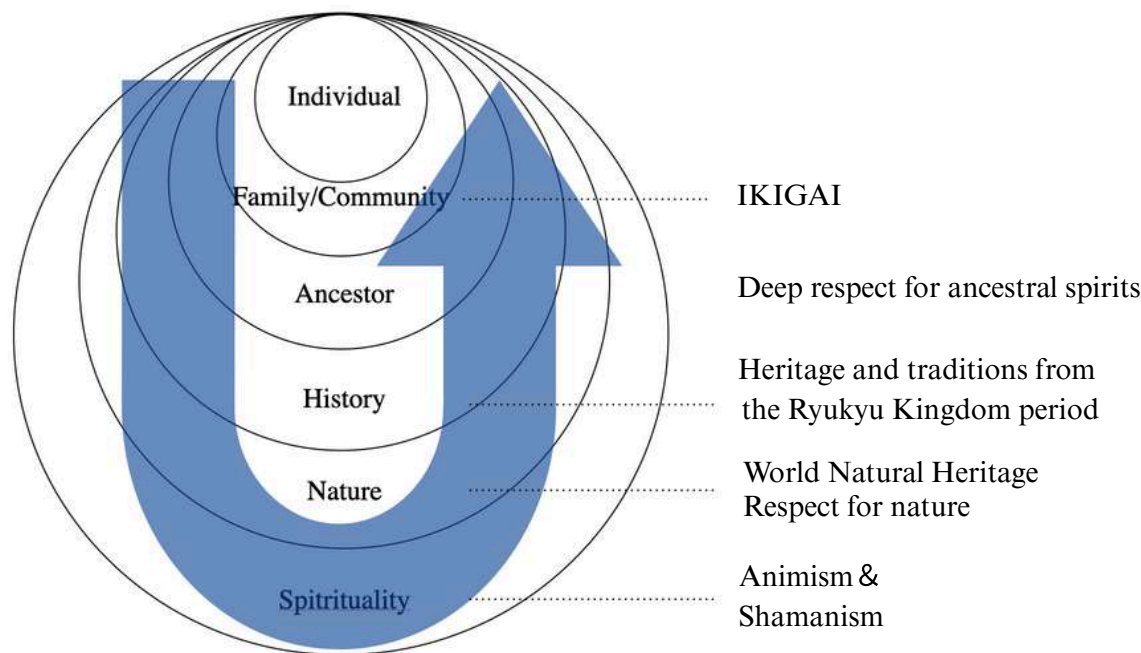
We invite you to discover the profound Eastern wisdom that connects people to one another and to nature.

We deliver this profound value through encounters and meaningful connections with the people who live on the land.

— Transformation —

Through travel, we aim to open new horizons in our guests' lives and sense of self by offering them fresh perspectives on themselves and the world.

To this end, we guide guests through the six-layered unique identity that embodies the land's power and the wisdom of the spirit residing on the islands. By experiencing this journey in its entirety, guests are encouraged to rediscover their own identity and originality, reflected back through this profound exploration.



— Recommendation —

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"Encountering active shamans and the culture of ritual prayers opened my eyes to the possibility of unseen forces in this world, providing a profound opportunity for self-reflection.

It was an incredibly unique place and experience."

— Female, Japanese, in her 40s

"I felt how the spirituality rooted in the land connects deeply with nature, the people, their lifestyle, and sustainability.

In the village where I stayed, I discovered a form of well-being and sustainability that differs fundamentally from those grounded in capitalism."

— Female, American, in her 40s

"I deeply felt how the islanders connect with their ancestors and nature. It inspired me to seek a closer relationship with my own ancestors.

Among the experiences, receiving guidance from a shaman, appreciating the traditional craft of Basho-fu fabric, and witnessing the Shishi-mai lion dance were especially memorable."

— Male, American, in his 60s

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Signature Plan

Day1 Individual-Nature



A journey straight to the sea.
Under the watchful gaze of the
local deity
- Tachigami-sama -
a moment of pure mindfulness
unfolds.



Day4 History - Spirituality



Refresh your spirit from the journey's fatigue with
the Shishi-mai lion dance, brought across the sea
through ancient traditions.

Day5 Ancestors - Spirituality



Stroll through villages where gods and prayers are
woven into everyday life.

Day2 Family/Community - Spirituality



Walking along a sacred Shinto path believed to be traversed by the gods, we engaged in
traditional singing games at a local home—experiencing the bonds of family and community.

Day3 Family/Community - Nature - Spirituality



A traditional basket-weaving workshop using the sacred Biro palm, deeply rooted in local
culture. On the final night in Amami, a special performance of the August Dance—an
expression of prayers to the gods and hopes for a bountiful harvest.

Day6 History - Spirituality



Learn and experience precious traditional culture passed down since the
Ryukyu Kingdom era, directly from its bearers.

Embrace not only the customs but also their pride and heartfelt attachment.

Day7 Individual - History - Nature - Spirituality



Visit the sacred mountain, the stage of shamans and mythology.
Spend a culminating moment of the journey, deeply connecting with
the land's power and spirituality.

— Information —

- We arrange one-on-one insight sessions with a shaman.
- An accompanying guide skilled in storytelling in English is available.
- We offer personalized itinerary planning and on-site coordination tailored to each group's interests and health conditions.

6 nights, 7 days — sample

¥1,000,000~

(approximately 7,000 USD)~

*Departing Amami Airport,
arriving at Naha Airport.

*Minimum group size: 2 participants

Accommodation

We arrange private whole-house accommodations located within local villages, where guests can immerse themselves in the island's nature and culture and experience life integrated with the community.

Amami Ōshima



RYUKYU VILLA

Yanbaru, the lush forested region in northern Okinawa



やんばるホテル南浜森室with NIPPONIA

Activities

We offer activities that match the concept and can be customized to your preferences.



Awamori - a traditional
Okinawan distilled spirit
- Cultural Experience



Natural Dyeing Experience



Hands-on Experience
with Traditional Local
Dishes



Ocean Adventures:
– The “1,000-Year
Tidal Flat”
Exploration
&
Archaeological Site
Visit



Stargazing Trek through Nature



Guided Nature Tour



Eco-Friendly Electric Bike Tour

People

You will meet people who live with purpose and joy, sharing their unique talents while preserving the local culture.




Food


"From the bounty of the sea and mountains to wild herbs and fermented foods, meals on these long-living islands are a way to connect with the spirit of the land.


We will curate culinary experiences—featuring traditional and creative dishes—prepared with diverse ingredients nurtured by the island's unique natural environment and time-honored cooking methods.




Flight Duration:

Haneda (Tokyo) —  approx. 2 hours 30 minutes —▶ Amami (Amami Ōshima)

Haneda (Tokyo) —  approx. 2 hours 10 minutes —▶ Naha (Okinawa Island)

Naha (Okinawa) —  1h —▶ Amami (Amami Ōshima)

Amami (Amami Ōshima) —  1h 55m (via Yoron Island) —▶ Naha (Okinawa)

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